

Remarks

In an office action mailed July 13, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-19. In this response, Claims 1, 5, 7, 12, and 13 have been amended. Claims 6, 11, and 17 have been cancelled. The Specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. Consequently, Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-16, 18, and 19 are now pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15, and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by USPN 6,453,127 issued to Wood

Claim 1 is directed to a method of implementing collated printing depending on the collating capabilities of a printer represented by a destination service. As amended, Claim 1 recites the following acts:

1. automatically determining by said destination service the collating capabilities of said printer;
2. downloading content from said destination service into said a user's browser, the content to be executed by the browser to enable the user to select production options that include an option to print and collate more than one copy;
3. at the destination service, receiving from the browser a print option to print and collated more than one copy;
4. from the destination service, retrieving said user's image data; and
5. if said printer supports internal collating, then implementing processing of said user's retrieved image data using said printer in accordance with selected production options; otherwise
6. if said printer does not support internal collating, then printing a copy of said user's retrieved image data using said printer, then automatically retrieving and printing another copy using said printer, and iteratively retrieving and printing successive copies of said user's image data.

Wood fails to teach a method a destination service automatically determined the collating capabilities of a printer and then if that printer does not support internal collating, printing a copy, automatically retrieving and printing another copy, and iteratively retrieving and printing successive copies as recited by Claim 1.

The Examiner admits that, according to the teachings of Wood, to print multiple copies the "user is able to create a new print job for each desired consecutive copy, which would send the user's image data each print job, should they determine that said printer is not capable of collating." Claim 1, on the other hand, requires the automatic printing of multiple copies.

For at least this reason Claim 1 is patentable over Wood as are Claims 2-5 due at least in part to their dependence from Claim 1.

Claim 7 is directed to a destination service capable of implementing the method of Claim 1. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so are Claim 7 and Claims 8-10 and 12 which depend from Claim 7.

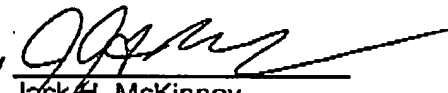
Claim 13 is directed to a system for implementing the method of Claim 1. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so are Claim 13 and Claims 14-16, 18, and 19 which depend from Claim 13.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-16, 18, and 19 define allowable subject matter. The Examiner is requested to indicate the allowability of all claims in the application and to pass the application to issue.

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